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1. This communication is responsive to Examiner's amendment filed on August 30, 2005.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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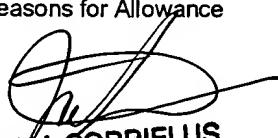
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



JEAN M. CORRIELUS
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the Examiner amendment filed on August 30, 2005, which claims 1-26 are presented for further examination.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul E. Kudirka (Reg. No. 26,931) on August 30, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing data volumes from a management terminal in a distributed computer system having a host computer system with at least one storage device connected to the computer system by driver software, the method comprising:

(a) inserting an interface layer between the driver software and the storage device, the interface layer exporting a platform dependent API comprising a plurality of API methods that can be are called to control data passing between the driver software and the storage device;

(b) running, in the host computer system, management facade software that, wherein said management façade software receives calls to platform-independent methods and generates at least one API method call to the interface layer in order to execute the platform-independent method calls;

(c) running, in the host computer system, a federated bean that, wherein said federated bean discovers data volumes in the storage device and generates platform-independent method calls to the management facade to control the interface layer via the plurality of API methods; and

(d) controlling the federated bean to display and configure the data volumes.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for managing data volumes from a management terminal in a distributed computer system having a host computer system with at least one storage device connected to the computer system by driver software, the apparatus comprising:

an interface layer that is inserted between the driver software and the storage device, the interface layer exporting a platform dependent API comprising a plurality of API methods that can be are called to control data passing between the driver software and the storage device;

management facade software in the host computer system that, wherein said management facade software receives calls to platform-independent methods and generates at least one API method call to the interface layer in order to execute the platform-independent method calls;

a federated bean in the host that running, in the host computer system, a federated bean, wherein said federated bean discovers data volumes in the storage device and generates platform-independent method calls to the management facade to control the interface layer via the plurality of API methods; and

a presentation program that controls the federated bean to display and configure the data volumes.

Please cancel claim 26 without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The present application has been thoroughly reviewed. Upon searching a variety of databases and reviewing further Patent owner's arguments, the examiner respectfully submits that claims 1-25 are allowable in light of the examiner's amendment and in light of the prior art made of record.

Since allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant is encouraged to submit formal drawings in response to this Office action, only if formal drawings have not yet submitted. The early submission of formal drawings will permit the Office to review the drawings for acceptability and to resolve any informalities remaining therein before the application is passed to issue. This will avoid possible delays in the issue process.

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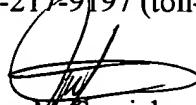
Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean M Corrielus whose telephone number is (571) 272-4032. The examiner can normally be reached on 10 hours shift.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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